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### "DIAMOND AL" ROGERS FATALLY WOUNDED

PROF. R. G. JACKSON PAINFULLY INJURED.

While supervising the arrangement of the platform for the Commencement exercises at Western University Thursday morning, Prof. R. G. Jackson, instructor in music and the most brilliant pipe organist of the race, was struck by one of the center poles



PROF. R. G. JACKSON.

of the great canvas in which the exercises are held, falling upon his head and was rendered unconscious for more than two hours. At first it was thought he suffered a fracture of the skull but after a careful examination physicians said he was not dangerously injured. As a demonstration of his loyalty to his school the professor assumed control of his musical program and rendered one of the finest programs ever given at a commencement at this great school.

DR. TAYLOR IS DOING NICELY.

Popular Physician Will Leave the Hospital Soon.

Dr. O. A. Taylor, who is now confined in Stormont hospital, is recovering very fast and will be out in a couple of weeks. He was granted a divorce by Judge Dana last Saturday from his wife, Mrs. Ida B. Taylor. The doctor regretted this occurrence very much, but under the circumstances he says it was life or death. Judge Dana paid him a high compliment from the bench in rendering his decision for an absolute divorce, saying the doctor was a first class citizen and an ideal husband.

When the news was brought to Dr. Taylor in his sick room at the hospital he broke down in tears, saying he tried to live a good life, but that the case could not be helped—that it had to be in order for him to enjoy his practice and his health. Judge Dana also paid a high compliment to Mrs. Taylor, saying that she was a well educated woman and a good woman, but so extremely jealous that it was injurious to the doctor's practice, therefore he granted a decree of divorce. He said he had the utmost confidence in Dr. Taylor's integrity and believed every word he stated on the witness stand, and believed the doctor acted with no selfish motive in the matter, but was compelled to apply for protection from the court in order to protect his interests.

The division of the property will be made later, as soon as the lawyers get together and agree upon what is right.—Topeka Plain Dealer.

#### Lincoln High School

Calendar of Commencement Week Program.

Sunday, June 3, 11 a. m.—Annual Sermon at Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, Rev. W. C. Williams preaching the sermon. (The teachers, graduates together with the entire school, will march from the Lincoln High School to Ebenezer Church in the following order: Cadet Band, Cadets in uniform, Girls, Teachers, the Graduating Class and graduates of the school.)

Monday Evening, June 4—Annual Senior Play.

Tuesday Evening, June 5—J. W. Perry, Oratorical Prize Contest. (Prizes given by Mr. J. W. Perry, President of the Southwestern National Bank of Commerce.)

Wednesday Evening, June 6—Alumni Entertainment and Play. (The Local Alumni are making elaborate plans for a fine program on this evening.)

Thursday Afternoon, June 7—General Reunion of Graduates.

Friday Evening, June 8—Commencement in Convention Hall.

To all of these exercises the public is cordially invited.

J. R. E. LEE, Principal.

#### Women's Clubs.



MADAME PEARL M. DABNEY of Kansas City, Mo., who was unanimously elected President of the State Federation of Women's Clubs of Missouri.

#### HARMONY, LITERARY AND ART CLUB WINS SECOND PRIZE.

The Harmony, Literary and Art Club won the second prize at the State Federation of Colored Women's Club which met at Sedalia, Mo., Friday and Saturday, May 25-26, for the finest art work exhibited. The piece was an embroidered butterfly on a serving tray worked by Mrs. Annie E. Gaines, a member of this club.

#### CLIPPER CLUB.

Clippers Charity Report for 1916-17. Gross receipts of November 1, 1916. \$204.55 Expenses. 45.67 \$158.88

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Y. W. C. A. (K. C. K.). \$15.00 Orphans' Homes (K. C. Kansas). 10.00 Douglass Hospital (K. C. K.). 10.00 Orphans' Home (2446 Michigan). 50.00 Phyllis Wheatley Hospital. 15.00 Clippers Annual Xmas basket for poor family. 3.50 \$103.50 Reserve Charity Fund. \$55.38

The Clippers were last entertained by the Misses Hutchins at five hundred. Delightful refreshments were served. The unique prizes were won by Miss Edna Hill and Miss Ruth Bradley.



BLIND BUTLER.

The greatest Negro Evangelist Singer in the world, will sing in the BIG TENT Camp Meeting, 19th street, between Paseo and Lydia, Kansas City, Mo., beginning Sunday, June 3d at 3 p. m. Every night in June. Blind Butler has brought more than 200,000 souls to Christ through his singing which is old fashioned; charming with his gestures and shouts, captivating because of the poetry and music in his singing. Thus you see we will have the old-time Camp Meeting where Grandma and Grandpa will have a chance to do some old-time shouting and the young people will be there to see it well done and also take a hand. Everybody invited. Rev. A. Moore, Secretary.

#### Western U. Commencement

The 21st annual commencement exercises of Western University, Quindaro, Kans., began Wednesday, May 23, with a band concert and concluded Thursday, May 31st, with the commencement exercises proper. On Tuesday the state board held its annual meeting re-elected all of its employees with an increase of salary and the university board at its meeting on Wednesday, May 30th, did the same thing. Those present at the university board meeting were: Bishop H. B. Parks of Chicago, president; Rev. M. S. Bryant of Liberty, Mo., vice-president; Rev. J. R. Ransom of Wichita, Kans., treasurer; Dr. W. H. Thomas of Allen Chapel, secretary; Prof. H. T. Kealing, president ex-officio; Rev. N. C. Buren of St. Joseph, J. F. C. Taylor of Atchison, Kans., President Elder H. W. King of Topeka, Thomas Kennedy of Kansas City, Kans., Dr. William H. Peck of St. Louis, Rev. W. B. Brooks of Lexington, Mo., N. C. Crews of Kansas City, Mo., Presiding Elder P. C. Crews and Rev. G. M. Tillman of Columbia, Dr. J. R. A. Crossland of St. Joseph, Mo., Dr. J. C. Owens of Omaha district, and Rev. B. F. Watson, life member of Washington, D. C.

Dr. Kealing was given a thirty days leave of absence to recuperate his health and many improvements were planned for the coming year. The commencement program was fine and was as follows:

#### Processional.

March, "Let Us All be Americans Now"—Orchestra. Chorus, "O Holy Lord" (N. Nathaniel Dett).

#### BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES.

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#### II.—The Wet Wash Laundry Business Part 1.

SCIENTIFIC SERVICE. Not more than twenty-five years have elapsed since the Negro was the nation's barber, and Negro barbershops dotted the main thoroughfares of our principal cities.

His white brother, ever on the lookout for profitable fields for exploitation, and with his slogan "He profits most who serves best," discovered that "barbering" was a lucrative undertaking. Since the white "tonorial artist" has been forcing the "Negro barber" into the background, and "tonorial parlors" have been blossoming out on the main thoroughfares of our cities, while the Negro "barber-shop" has been moving onto the side streets and into the alleys.

And, it is all because the Negro, who looks upon "service" as a relic and badge of slavery, has permitted his viewpoint to becloud the possibilities and opportunities with which "service" is pregnant.

But to the white man, service holds no traditional or fancied disadvantages. Every opportunity to serve is to him a chance to serve better and more scientifically than his predecessors in that field, by means of labor-saving, time-saving, and service-giving devices. Whatever sting service may hold for him, he proceeds to extract by applying science, and by raising that field into which he enters to the dignity of a profession.

#### THE NATION'S WEEKLY WASHING

The Negro woman has been the "national wash-woman," and still continues to hold a place in the American Family's weekly clean-up. This is true, even in the face of the rapid rise and growth of the "factory" method of "doing washings,"—the laundry.

That the Negro race has derived untold benefit from the countless thousands of washings done by these hard-working women, many an educated Negro man and woman can testify, for many of them have been educated through the toll of a mother who "took in washings." Many an imposing church edifice has been founded upon the fruits of her toil; the prosperous insurance companies and growing savings banks which the Negro boasts had their beginning in the thrifty wash-woman's hard-earned dollars; and a wash-woman recently made the first contribution of \$1,000 to a fund being raised by one of our foremost institutions of learning.

But again, the ingenuity of the white man is being applied to this field, and the race is about to be deprived of this source of revenue. Special machinery and methods have been developed to turn out the "wet washing" for those American families who cannot afford to pay the prices charged by the "rough dry" laundries that seek to serve them.

#### THE WET WASH LAUNDRY.

The laundry was first developed in this country to do finished laundry. The work in these first laundries was largely confined to collars, cuffs and similar starched and highly finished work. The first step toward invading the domain of the wash-woman, and taking over the family washing was the development of the "rough-dry" phase of the business. Special machinery was designed for this work, as in the case of the original steam or power laundry, and most up-to-date laundries now have a "rough-dry" department, catering to family trade.

The latest development, however, is the Wet Wash branch of the business, in which the family wash is returned to the home wet.

While the rough-dry department of the laundry aims to cheapen the cost of bulk or family laundering, it has not sufficiently done so to reach the average American home. On the other hand, the Wet Wash Launderer is enabled to further reduce the cost of family washings, and can do work cheaply enough to secure family trade heretofore unreached by laundries.

It is likely, therefore, that the Wet Wash launderer is destined to become "launderer to the nation" and to supplant the wash-woman in the average American home.

#### A GOOD BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR NEGROES.

There are many reasons why Negro men should enter this field, the chief among which is the fact that by so doing, they will prevent the cutting off of a portion of the income of the race, by which over 360,000 Negroes are making a living, according to 1910

census figures. On the same authority, already 210 colored men and women were engaged in 1910 as laundry owners, officials and managers.

But aside from race sentiment, there are a good many other practical reasons why the Negro will find the laundry business, and particularly the Wet Wash branch of it inviting. Some of these are:

1. Because it may be entered upon with small capital. A Wet Wash Plant may be equipped for \$1,000 or less.

2. Because it is a type of business in which prejudice will play little or no part, and its proprietor may thus hope to get considerable white trade—depending, of course, on the quality of service rendered.

3. With increasing prosperity among Negroes themselves much Negro family trade may be secured. This is especially true in Southern cities where are to be found the "exclusive White laundries."

4. It is the simplest phase of the laundry business, and that in which its owner can gain the necessary experience with which to enter the more complex phases of the laundering trade.

5. It is a field in which the proprietor will have little or no difficulty in finding skilled help of his own race. His better understanding of his employees will enable him to be in closer sympathy with them, and his labor problems will thus become much less difficult than those of his white competitor or fellow-tradesman.

6. The profits of the business range from 15 per cent to 18 per cent on total sales. That is, should the laundry turn out \$200.00 worth of work each week, the net profit, making reasonable allowances for expenses, will be from \$30.00 to \$36.00 per week.

(NOTE.—Free Advisory Service. The management of this paper has arranged with the author of the above article to conduct a question and answer service, in connection with this and future articles in the series. Readers who may be interested in the "Wet Wash Laundry Business," and who desire to go into the business may address question to J. E. Ormes, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio.)



REV. F. D. WELLS. QUARTERLY MEETING.

Bethel A. M. E. Church, 24th and Flora avenue, Rev. F. D. Wells, pastor, will hold its 3rd quarterly meeting Sunday, June 3rd. Rev. J. W. Griffin, pastor of First A. M. E. Church of Kansas City, Kans., late of Georgia, will preach the sacramental sermon at 3 p. m. All invited.

Mrs. Julia A. Smith died Monday, May 28, at 8:15 a. m., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. V. Minor Kout-soubas, after a lingering illness of several months. The deceased was born in Richmond, Va., in 1834. She was the mother of six children, five of which survive her. They are: Mr. James Smith, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. A. T. Simms, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. Ella Braxton wife of Rev. Braxton, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mrs. Kout-soubas and Mrs. Anna Fields-Blake of Minneapolis. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and three great grand children. The funeral was held from the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. J. A. Jones, Thursday, at 2 p. m. Rev. J. C. Owens officiated.

#### NOTICE.

All graduates of the Lincoln High school are requested especially to be at the High school at 11 o'clock Sunday, to accompany the school to Ebenezer church.

#### AL ROGERS DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED.

Al Rogers, one of the most widely known sporting men in the West, was shot and dangerously wounded by Nona Henderson, a waitress employed at his cafe, known as the Little Jefferson, 117 West 5th street. Rogers has been in business in this city for many years and was known among his friends as "Diamond Al" on account of the profusion of beautiful diamonds he usually wore. He is married and has a beautiful home and farm place about two miles beyond Bethel, Kans., but keeps furnished quarters in the city when he is delayed from going home. What the trouble was between he and Miss Henderson, our reporters were unable to learn, but her friends relate that he threatened to strike her when she snatched up a revolver from behind the counter and shot him through the stomach inflicting a very dangerous wound from which the doctors say he may not possibly recover.

His nephew, Little Al Rogers, who is in charge of his business, recently shot and killed a woman on Troost avenue, who was assaulting his wife for which he was exonerated in the courts. As we go to press Rogers is reported as extremely low.



DR. T. C. UNTHANK.

Superintendent of the Colored Division of the City Hospital, who has achieved wonderful results during his administration of this important department of our City Government and who graduated four splendid nurses Friday night at the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

#### KNIGHT TEMPLAR NOTICE.

Representatives of the three commanderies of the City and of the Shrine will meet at the Masonic Hall Sunday, June 3, at 3:00 p. m. to take up the work for the 1918 meeting. All Masters and Past Masters invited to be present.

Willis G. Mosely, R. E. C.

#### NEGRO ELECTED ALDERMAN.

Wilmington, Del.—Dr. John O. Hopkins, the only race alderman in the city, was re-elected for the sixth ward and manager of the National theater and owns one of the finest drug stores in the city.

#### CAMP FOR BABIES.

There will be a summer camp for sick babies conducted during the months of July and August under the auspices of the Senior B. Y. P. U. of the Second Baptist Church. All persons having babies that are sick may bring them to the camp to be cared for. There will be a trained nurse in the camp all the time. You will see more about this affair in the next issue of The Sun.

E. ROSS, Chairman.

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#### A GRAND AFFAIR.

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Don't fail to hear Carl Hoffman, Professor Robert G. Jackson, Mrs. L. J. Baccote, and other leading talent who will appear on program at the Second Baptist Church, which will dedicate its new \$2,500 Pipe Organ, Monday evening, June 11. Admission 25c to all.  
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